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Agenda item 10 (b)*

Credentials of representatives to the Conference: report of the Credentials Committee

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Ambassador Pablo Antonio **Thalassinós** (Panama)

1. Rule 4 of the rules of procedure of the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects provides that:

> A Credentials Committee of nine members shall be appointed at the beginning of the Conference. Its composition shall be based on that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its most recent session. It shall examine the credentials of representatives and report to the Conference without delay.

2. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 27 August 2012, the Conference, in accordance with rule 4 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee having the same composition as that of the Credentials Committee of the General Assembly of the United Nations at its sixty-sixth session, namely, China, Costa Rica, Egypt, Italy, Maldives, Panama, the Russian Federation, Senegal and the United States of America.

3. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 6 September 2012.

4. Mr. Pablo Antonio Thalassinós (Panama) was unanimously elected Chair of the Committee.

5. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General of the Conference, dated 5 September 2012, concerning the credentials of representatives of States participating in the Conference. A representative of the Office of Legal

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Affairs of the Secretariat made a statement relating to the memorandum, in which, inter alia, he updated the memorandum to indicate credentials and communications received subsequent to its preparation.

6. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the related statement, formal credentials of representatives to the Conference, in the form required by rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been submitted to the Secretary-General of the Conference by the following 60 States: Albania, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Montenegro, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Panama, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sudan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Viet Nam.

7. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the related statement, information concerning the appointment of representatives of States to the Conference had been communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the permanent mission concerned, by the following 90 States: Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bangladesh, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Colombia, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tonga, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Uruguay, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, of the States not already mentioned in paragraphs 1 or 2 of the memorandum, the following 46 States had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference any information regarding their representatives: Andorra, Angola, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Cook Islands, Cuba, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Fiji, Georgia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Liberia, Malawi, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Monaco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nauru, Nicaragua, Niue, Palau, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Somalia, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan and Vanuatu.

9. The Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations stated that Egypt registers that the acceptance of the credentials of Israel signed in Jerusalem does not in any way imply recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel by Egypt or the United Nations.

10. The Committee decided to accept the credentials of the representatives of all States listed in paragraphs 6 and 7 and the related statement, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the States referred to in paragraph 7 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General of the Conference as soon as possible.

11. The Committee adopted the following draft resolution without a vote:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the States referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the Secretary-General's memorandum.

12. The Committee decided, without a vote, to recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 14 below).

13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects

The United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.

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Letter dated 7 September 2012 from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference

I am writing to you regarding the participation of the Cook Islands and Niue in the United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, held in New York from 27 August to 7 September 2012.

In this regard, the Government of Argentina understands that their participation in the Conference does not constitute a precedent for future Conferences if similar consideration intends to be given to any territory which is subject to a sovereignty dispute recognized by the United Nations.

It would be highly appreciated if you could kindly arrange for the distribution of the present letter as a document of the Conference.

(*Signed*) Mateo **Estrémé**
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